

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-21 (Cancelled).

22. (New) In a turbocharger for an internal combustion engine, the improvement comprises a radial bearing is provided for supporting a rotary shaft and comprises a brass alloy in which an Mn-Si compound is crystallized in a brass base material, wherein said Mn-Si compound is elongated needlelike in an axial direction of said rotary shaft and is dispersed.

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23. (New) In the turbocharger according to claim 22, wherein said radial bearing consists of a copper alloy mainly comprising Cu, Zn, Al, Mn, and Si.

24. (New) In the turbocharger according to claim 22, wherein said brass alloy contains 54 to 64 wt% of Cu, 0.2 to 3.0 wt% of Si, 0.2 to 7.0 wt% of Mn, 0.5 to 3.5 wt% of Al, and a remainder substantially of Zn.

25. (New) In the turbocharger according to claim 22, wherein said radial bearing is made of a floating metal.

26. (New) In the turbocharger according to claim 22, further comprising a thrust bearing for supporting motion in a thrust direction of said rotary shaft, said thrust bearing being made of the same material as that of said radial bearing, wherein Mn-Si compound crystallized in said thrust bearing is

elongated needlelike in a direction perpendicular to an axial direction of said rotary shaft.

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27. (New) In an internal combustion engine, the improvement comprises a turbocharger having a rotary shaft, a radial bearing for supporting said rotary shaft and comprising a brass alloy in which an Mn-Si compound is crystallized in a brass base material, wherein said Mn-Si compound is elongated needlelike in an axial direction of said rotary shaft and is dispersed.

28. (News) A brass alloy product, comprising an Mn-Si compound crystallized in a brass base material, wherein said Mn-Si compound is dispersed and elongated needlelike in a direction best matched to abrasion resistance.